

In regards NPRM ET02-98, I respectfully submit that the FCC NOT include mandantory bandplans for the proposed new 5Mhz band. As an Extra Class ham, with over 30 years as a licensee, it's my observation that now is not the time for the FCC to become MORE involved in ham radio at this level, but rather to step back and reinforce the concept of self regulation.

I'm active in PSK-31, CW, as well as SSB and AM operations, and I dont see that this proposed new band should be any different than the 160m band, which has no formal bandplan yet works well. Since this new band is a secondary allocation, leaving the bandplan open allows operators to select non-interfering frequencies, much as was done on 160 when it was shared with LORAN operations.

Thank you for considering my information

Best regards

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